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### THE PLAGUE SITUATION.

#### PORTO RICO.

- No case of plague in man has been reported in Porto Rico since

September 12.

A plague-infected rat was found in Caguas, a town 18 miles south of San Juan. The diagnosis of plague in this rat was made September 28.

#### CALIFORNIA.

During the week ended September 14 two plague-infected ground squirrels were found in California, one in Alameda County and one in Contra Costa County.

#### MANILA.

A fatal case of plague was reported in Manila during the week ended August 17. This makes the fifth case of plague reported since June 14.

#### AZORES.

September 25 plague was reported present in the Azores at Terceira, 8 cases and 3 deaths having been officially notified.

#### ENGLAND.

In Liverpool rats have been systematically caught and examined during the past year. Most of this work has been carried on along the water front. Among approximately 3,000 rats examined 3 were found plague infected, 1 in April and 2 in August, 1912.

#### PERU.

During the year 1911 there were officially reported in Peru 879 cases of plague with 426 deaths. These cases were notified in the following eight departments: Libertad, Lima, Lambayeque, Piura, Arequipa, Ancash, Callao, and Cajamarca.

## VIRULENT SMALLPOX.

#### PITTSBURGH, PA.

According to the last reports received, cases of virulent smallpox were still occurring in Pittsburgh. During the week ended September 14 there were reported 18 cases and 3 deaths, and during the week ended September 21, 14 cases and 7 deaths.

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